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Mr. Mark Smith (3WP12)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Re: Reissuance of VPDES Permit Number VA0005215
US – Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia
EPA Major Permit and Supporting Documentation, for Review and Approval

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding permit and enforcement programs between the Virginia State Water Control Board and the Regional Administrator, Region III, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, documentation supporting reissuance of the subject VPDES permit for the US-Norfolk Naval Shipyard, VPDES Permit Number VA0005215 will be posted at VITAShare for your receipt and review. Once the materials are uploaded to the large-document sharing program, you will receive an e-mail with relevant instructions for accessing the materials involved.

The following documents will be posted for your review: proposed draft permit, fact sheet, and other supporting information (e.g., modeling results, agencies' application reviews, etc.).

Should your office require a copy of the current VPDES Permit application package in order to complete your review, please notify me and it will be sent through the same document sharing program.

This proposed permit issuance is for a major industrial facility in the Lower James River Basin located in Portsmouth, Virginia. Surface waters receiving final discharges of treated process wastewaters, equipment and vessel cooling waters, discharges from Vessels of the Armed Forces under the Uniform National Discharge Standards (UNDS), and storm water runoff from industrial activities, include the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River and Paradise Creek.

If EPA does not comment or object to the terms and conditions of the proposed draft permit within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notification, processing of the referenced permit will be deemed acceptable to the Regional Administrator.

If there are any questions, or if you need additional information to complete your review, please notify this office.

Sincerely,


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